

ANNUAL REPORTS (RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) FY 2007-08

No.	RECOMMENDATION	YEAR	LINK TO ANNUAL REPORT	COMMISSION NOTES
1	Direct the Chief Executive Office and County Departments to develop a continuity of care and to blend funds in order to develop a more comprehensive system of care for children and their families. This endeavor should include enhancing prevention efforts.	2007/08	Supporting Document	
2	Direct the Chief Executive Office to bring together County Departments and community partners in planning and implementing programs for children and families that treat them holistically. Special attention should be paid to the role of the faith-based community in providing services.	2007/08	Supporting Document	
3	Direct the Chief Executive Office and clusters to leverage available funds by developing partnerships with the community. The County should enhance prevention efforts thereby ensuring the health and well-being of children and families. Services should be client focused with feedback from clients.	2007/08	Supporting Document	
4	Direct County Departments to jointly review child fatality cases when minors have had interface with more than one department. In addition, the Board of Supervisors should hire an independent investigator to review cases and make recommendations directly to the Board of Supervisors regarding policy and practice changes to address the reduction of fatalities.	2007/08	Supporting Document	
5	Direct the Department of Children and Family Services to immediately implement the Visitation Protocol between children and parents established by the Court Workgroup.	2007/08	Supporting Document	
6	Ensure, through direction and oversight, that the Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation Department evaluate and provide the necessary mental health services to our children in a timely manner.	2007/08	Supporting Document	
7	Direct DCFS, DMH, Probation Department and DPSS to develop information sharing, protocols, and data on "crossover" youth, while the County's information sharing system is implemented.	2007/08	Supporting Document	
8	Ensure that the County develops a more integrated system to provide mental health services that includes sharing resources, information and assessment among DCFS, DMH, and Probation Department. This should include maximizing MHSA and EPSDT funding to help provide a seamless system of services for foster children, probation youth, and at-risk youth in the community.	2007/08	Supporting Document	
9	Ensure 1) that the County revisits its established priority for relative caregivers; 2) directs the CEO to coordinate the development of a renewed support system for relative caregivers that involves multiple departments; 3) directs DCFS to further expand the support units across the county; and 4) directs DCFS to develop and implement a Relative Caregiver Aftercare Policy and Procedure to aid in the reduction of the number of re-entry referrals and open cases for Legal Guardianship and KinGAP.	2007/08	Supporting Document	
9	Total Recommendation 2007-08 BOS			

ANNUAL REPORTS (RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) FY 2008-09

No.	RECOMMENDATION	YEAR	LINK TO ANNUAL REPORT	COMMISSION NOTES
1	Support the implementation of an inter-agency information automation system by sending a five-signature letter to the state and federal Health and Human Services Agencies urging their support to remove obstacles that prevent development of this system.	2008/09	Supporting Document	
2	Conduct an independent evaluation of the interim county organization structure and consider making changes needed to ensure that the structure is moving toward a seamless delivery of services for children and family in the county.	2008/09	Supporting Document	
3	Provide an seamless integrated service system for children and families among collaborative county departments, and between the county department and community stakeholders.	2008/09	Supporting Document	
4	Develop an integrated and comprehensive approach to address the issue of childhood obesity.	2008/09	Supporting Document	
5	Develop a plan to overcome the obstacles of working across county clusters and Departments to improve services for children and families.	2008/09	Supporting Document	
6	Continue to support the Waiver for DCFS and Probation as it has proven to be fiscally sound and allows for necessary flexibility in providing services for children, youth and their families.	2008/09	Supporting Document	
7	Instruct the Children's Special Investigation Unit, when formed, to investigate DCFS and Probation fatality cases.	2008/09	Supporting Document	
7	Total Recommendation 2008-09 BOS			

ANNUAL REPORTS (RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) FY 2009-10

No.	RECOMMENDATION	YEAR	LINK TO ANNUAL REPORT	COMMISSION NOTES
1	The Board to make funding for at-risk children and families a County priority.	2009/10	Supporting Document	
2	CEO and the Board review the Commission's August 4, 2008 report and Dr. David Sander's report regarding the CEO Structure and determine what changes could be made to integrate services and blend funding across clusters to improve child safety and provide better outcomes for children and families.	2009/10	Supporting Document	
3	County Departments need to continue a focus on improving the healthy lifestyles of children.	2009/10	Supporting Document	
4	DCFS continue to focus on working with DMH, DHS, and Public Health to identify problems and find solutions that will improve Emergency Response (ER) and prevent child fatalities.	2009/10	Supporting Document	
5	DCFS, DMH, and Probation implement support services for relative care providers including additional kinship support centers, appropriate training for Children's Social Workers, Probations Officers, and Mental Health workers on the needs of relative care providers. In addition the Departments should develop a mechanism to respond to the various needs of relative caregivers.	2009/10	Supporting Document	
6	The Chief Information Office (CIO), CEO, DCFS, DMH, DHS, Department of Public Health, and Probation develop an overarching County plan for an integrated approach to sharing data. In particular review Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS), MHUB, PHN Portal, Enterprise Master Patient Index (EMPI), Probation Case Management System (PCMS), and determine how the multiple systems could better interface to avoid duplicate entries on each system that increase staff costs. The current systems each have partial pieces of information but none are comprehensive.	2009/10	Supporting Document	
7	The Board instruct the Children's Special Investigation Unit (CPIU) to investigate Probation fatality cases and report system issues and recommendations for change to the Board and Chief of Probation.	2009/10	Supporting Document	
8	CEO, DCFS, and Probation identify a permanent source of funding for TAY who have emancipated to replace the stipend funds which were eliminated by the State in July 2009.	2009/10	Supporting Document	
8	Total Recommendation 2009-10 BOS			

ANNUAL REPORTS (RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) FY 2010/11

No.	RECOMMENDATION	YEAR	LINK TO ANNUAL REPORT	COMMISSION NOTES
1	Adopt an Integrated Family+Community+County Continuum of Care (FC4) for all County departments providing services for children and families, and instruct departments to utilize these principles in delivering services for children and families: <input type="checkbox"/> Family Focused Services <input type="checkbox"/> Community-Based Delivery of Services <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinated and Integrated Service Support System <input type="checkbox"/> Performance-Based Outcomes and Evaluations.	2010/11	Supporting Document	
2	Develop a County structure implementation plan that will embody the key elements of FC4, shared MAPP Goals, integration of family services, blending of funds, and outcomes accountability of County departments.	2010/11	Supporting Document	
3	Instruct the CEO to make "Prevention" a priority by developing a plan that identifies and integrates services across County departments, provides funding, and expands current effective Prevention programs such as PIDP.	2010/11	Supporting Document	
4	Instruct the CEO to develop a plan for incorporating the FC4 and for evaluating the outcomes for all DCFS and Probation Programs by organizing internal resources more effectively to reach across departments when desired outcomes are shared, and leveraging external resources to support implementation of the plan (e.g., First 5 LA, Casey Family Programs, Inter-University Consortium).	2010/11	Supporting Document	
5	Instruct the CEO to clarify and streamline the duties between the Service Integration Branch and clusters and to eliminate duplication where it currently exists.	2010/11	Supporting Document	
6	Encourage First 5 LA, DPH and the DCFS to integrate and coordinate nursing programs in the community, including the First 5 Visiting Nurse Program, with the efforts of Public Health Nurses from DPH and DCFS who assist Social Workers in their work with families.	2010/11	Supporting Document	
6	Total Recommendations 2010-11 BOS			

ANNUAL REPORTS (RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEPARTMENTS) FY 2010-11

No.	RECOMMENDATION	YEAR	LINK TO ANNUAL REPORT	COMMISSION NOTES
1	Adopt a policy of transparency and inclusion of stakeholders in strategic planning, data sharing, and decision making.	2010/11	Supporting Document	
2	Develop a stronger working partnership with caregivers that provides resources and support in the community.	2010/11	Supporting Document	
3	Support increased efforts to prevent youth from crossing over from DCFS to Probation. Provide on-going advocacy for those who have already crossed over.	2010/11	Supporting Document	
4	Provide after-care services for children and families who are leaving the care of DCFS and Probation.	2010/11	Supporting Document	
5	Develop a plan to implement the recommendations of the Reunification/Visitation Committee	2010/11	Supporting Document	
5	Total County Departments Recommendations 2010-11 DEPTS.			

ANNUAL REPORTS (RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) FY 2011/12

No.	RECOMMENDATION	YEAR	LINK TO ANNUAL REPORT	COMMISSION NOTES
1	Develop a process for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds that has transparency, checks and balances, oversight, and is more inclusive of an integrated approach for County departments who provide services for at risk children and families.	2011/12	Supporting Document	
2	DMH should use Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds to develop and implement prevention and early intervention programs aimed at children who have experienced trauma as part of a comprehensive continuum of care.	2011/12	Supporting Document	
3	DMH should develop a plan to build capacity for PEI and Community Services and Supports (CSS) Programs for children and TAY by developing service providers who have expertise in serving the specific needs of children and TAY. The plan should include areas such as, Antelope Valley that do not have sufficient providers for children and TAY. This is important to ensure that services reach all children in the County.	2011/12	Supporting Document	
4	Instruct DMH to develop prevention programs and participate in partnership with DCFS and Probation in providing ongoing services targeted at the youth who were the focus of the Hilton Foundation Report (Download Report Fact Sheet or Download Executive Summary and Full Report). These programs should identify youth at risk of crossing over from the foster care system to Probation and prevent this.	2011/12	Supporting Document	
5	DMH should develop prevention and early intervention programs to target the approximate 16,000 youth in the community who are under jurisdiction of the Probation Department. The programs should assist in keeping these at risk youth from entering the juvenile camps and halls.	2011/12	Supporting Document	
6	Adopt an Integrated Family + Community + County Continuum of Care (FC4) for all County departments providing services for children and families, and instruct departments to utilize these principles in delivering services for children and families: <input type="checkbox"/> Family Focused Services <input type="checkbox"/> Community-Based Delivery of Services <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinated and Integrated Service Support System <input type="checkbox"/> Performance-Based Outcomes and Evaluations	2011/12	Supporting Document	
7	Develop a County structure implementation plan that will embody the key elements of FC4, shared Management Appraisal and Performance Plan (MAPP) Goals, integration of family services, blending of funds, and outcomes accountability of County departments.	2011/12	Supporting Document	
8	Instruct the CEO to make "Prevention" a priority by developing a plan that identifies and integrates services across County departments, provides funding, and expands current effective prevention programs such as the Prevention Initiative Demonstration Project (PIDP).	2011/12	Supporting Document	
9	Instruct the CEO to develop a plan for incorporating the FC4 and for evaluating the outcomes for all DCFS and Probation programs by organizing internal resources more effectively to reach across departments when desired outcomes are shared, and leveraging external resources to support implementation of the plan (e.g., First 5 LA, Casey Family Programs, Inter-University Consortium).	2011/12	Supporting Document	
9	Total Recommendations 2011-12 BOS			
	The Commission respectfully submits the following recommendations to your Board. Recommendations 1 through 5 are based on the extensive work done by the Commission's Mental Health Workgroup over a two-year period. Recommendations 6 through 9 are based on previous recommendations which highlight the importance of Family + Community + County Continuum of Care (FC4).			
39	Total Recommendations BOS			